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Nancy White withdraws from election race

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Nancy M. White, chair of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, announced that she is withdrawing from the 2006 election for the 20th District seat on the board and will end her long political career when her current term ends on Dec. 31.

White, 68, a Democrat who lives in Clinton Township, said she is retiring to spend more time with her family: husband Daryl, two children who live in the Washington, D.C., area, and four grandchildren – two of whom were born in the past year.

“As much as I will miss the opportunity to continue to be a part of the evolution of Macomb County, I feel that this is a very appropriate time to have a fresh set of eyes look at the issues facing our county,” White said while making the announcement during the Board of Commissioners meeting on Thursday, May 18.

In January 2005, White was elected by her fellow board members to serve a second two-year term as chair. She is the first woman to serve two consecutive two-year terms.

Now serving her seventh two-year term as a commissioner, White was first elected in 1992 by voters in Fraser and southern Clinton Township to be their representative on the County Board.

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White is responsible for promoting bipartisanship and a more unified, synergistic board by appointing both Republicans and fellow Democrats as committee chairs, taking advantage of individual talent and expertise.

“Working closely with so many of you toward the betterment of Macomb County has been one of the great joys of my professional life,” White said.

Before her election to the County Board, White represented teachers and school support personnel as a labor consultant for the Michigan Education Association, retiring from that position in 2003. That job followed a 22-year career in education as a teacher, counselor and coach for Fraser Public Schools. During that period, she took a one-year leave to serve as a member of Congressman David Bonior’s original district management team.

White has assumed leadership roles in many areas of her life, including chair of the Macomb County Community Mental Health Board and co-chair of the Clinton Township American Red Cross Blood Drive.

In 2005, the March of Dimes Michigan Chapter named White its Woman of the Year. In 2002, she received The Woman of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of Macomb County-Otsikita Council in recognition of her many outstanding contributions as a mentor and community leader.

White has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree from Wayne State University.

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